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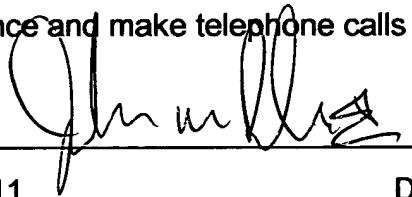
### **"CHRISTMAS TREE SHAPED ARTIFICIAL TREE"**

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the oath or declaration. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, C.F.R, Section 1.56(a).

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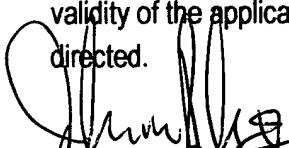
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### **Small Entity Declaration—Independent Inventors**

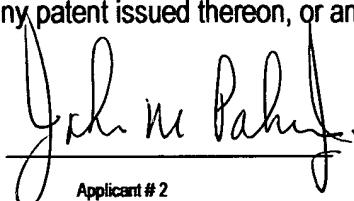
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**\*\* SMALL ENTITY \*\***

**Title**

Christmas tree shaped artificial tree

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